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Status						
1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>11 March 2004</u> .						
2a) This action is FINAL . 2b) ⊠ This	This action is FINAL . 2b)⊠ This action is non-final.					
3) Since this application is in condition for allowar	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Disposition of Claims						
4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) 1-30 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.						
Application Papers						
 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152. 						
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 						
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This Application, filed March 11, 2004, claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application, 60/453,886, filed March 12, 2003.

Claims 1-30 are pending.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Claims 1-28, drawn to a non-human animal having a neurological disease and to a method of inducing a neurologic disease in a non-human animal, classified in class 800, subclass 9.
- Claims 29, 30, drawn to a method of screening for an agent that ameliorates symptoms of a neurologic disease or treats a neurologic disease, classified in class 800, subclass 3.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions 1 and 2 are related as process of making and process of using the product. The use as claimed cannot be practiced with a materially different product. Since the product is not allowable, restriction is proper between said method of making and method of using. The product claim will be examined along with the elected invention (MPEP § 806.05(i)).

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification and

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recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Claims 4, 5 and 18, 19 of Invention 1 are drawn to multiple peptide fragments of Abeta42 or to a peptidomimetic that mimicks Abeta42. The fragments and peptidomimetic are structurally different from each other and each has a different biological activity. The search and examination for each fragment and peptidomimetic is burdensome because the searches are not coextensive.

Claims 6 and 20 of Invention 1 are drawn to multiple pro-oxidative compounds.

These compounds are structurally different from each other and each has a distinct biological activity. The search and examination for each pro-oxidative compound is burdensome because the searches are not coextensive.

Claims 10 and 24 of Invention 1 are drawn to multiple phosphatase inhibitors.

These inhibitors are structurally different from each other and each has a distinct biological activity. The search and examination for each inhibitor is burdensome because the searches are not coextensive.

Claims 13 and 27 of Invention 1 are drawn to multiple pro-inflammatory compounds. These inflammatory compounds are structurally different from each other and each has a distinct biological activity. The search and examination for each inhibitor is burdensome because the searches are not coextensive.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently,

claims 1-7, 9-14 and 15-20, 22-28 of Invention 1 are generic for a pro-oxidative compound,

claims 1-10, 12-14, 15-24, 26-28 of Invention 1 are generic for a phosphatase inhibitor,

claims 1-13, 15-27 of Invention 1 of are generic for a proinflammatory compound.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species.

MPEP § 809.02(a).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the

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requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joanne Hama, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-2911. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday and alternate Fridays from 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0735. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

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